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**NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT**  
**AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION DEPARTMENT**  
**(Agri .IV)**

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH AGRICULTURAL SUBORDINATE  
SERVICE RULES, 1997.

**[G.O.Ms.No. 35, Agriculture and Cooperation (Agri .IV) 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.]**

**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, and all other powers hereunto enabling, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Subordinate Service Rules, 1997 issued in G.O.Ms.No.167, Agriculture & Cooperation (Agri-IV) Department, dated 17<sup>th</sup> April,1997 as subsequently amended from time to time:

**AMENDMENTS**

In the said Rules,-

1. In Rule 2 in Class-A, after "Category-(2), the following shall be inserted, namely,-

Category-(2)(A): "Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II)"

2. In Rule 3, in the table under Class-A

- (i) Against Category (2), for the existing entries in column (2), the following entries shall be substituted, namely,-

Class & Category (1)	Method of Appointment (2)	Appointing Authority (3)
	i. By Direct Recruitment  ii. By promotion from Category- 2A, i.e., Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II)  iii. By promotion from Category 3, i.e. AEO Gr-III.	

(ii) After Category (2 ), the following category shall be inserted in columns (1), (2) and (3) respectively, namely,-

"Category (2) (A): Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II)	By Direct Recruitment	Joint Director of Agriculture."
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3. In Rule 4, after sub-rule (b), the following shall be added namely,-

"(c) Rule 22 and Rule 22-A of the Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 as amended from time to time shall be applicable for the Direct Recruitment and Promotion."

4. For rule 6, the following rule shall be substituted, namely,-

"Age: No person shall be eligible for appointment by Direct Recruitment, if completed (34) years of age as on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July of the year in which the notification for selection is made and orders issued from time to time in this regard shall be applicable."

5. For rule 7, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

" Minimum Service:- No person shall be eligible for promotion unless he is an approved probationer and has put in not less than two years of service in the Category from which promotion or appointment by transfer is made".

6. In Rule 10, for sub rule (a) the following sub rule shall be substituted, namely,-

"Tests:- (a) The following Tests shall be passed by persons appointed by Direct Recruitment to the posts of Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II), Assistant Engineer (Agriculture) during the period of the probation:

1. Village Agriculture Assistant (Gr.II) : The Agriculture Department Test (Paper Code 144).
2. Assistant Engineer (Agriculture) : 1. Agriculture Department Test (Paper Code-144)  
2. Accounts Test for PWD Officers and Subordinates."

7. In Rule 11, in the table under Class A, for the existing entries against Categories (1), (2) and (3), the following entries shall be substituted in columns (1), (2) and (3) respectively, namely,-

Class & Category	Post	Unit of Appointment
Class A: Category (1)	Agricultural Extension Officer (Grade-I)	Each District
Category (2)	Agricultural Extension Officer (Grade-II)	Each District
Category (2A)	Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II)	Each District
Category (3)	Agricultural Extension Officer (Grade-III)	Each District

5. In the Annexure in the table under Class A before Category (4), the following shall be inserted, namely,-

Class & Category	Method of Appointment	
Category (2) Agricultural Extension Officer (Grade-II)	By Direct Recruitment	<p>Must have passed</p> <p>(i) 4 years Degree in Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from a recognized University in the State/ any other University accredited by the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR)</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>(ii) B.Sc., Dry Land Agriculture (Vocational)</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>(iii) Diploma in Agriculture Polytechnic or Diploma in Agriculture Polytechnic (Seed Technology), (Plant Protection) and (Organic Farming)</p> <p>And the orders issued in G.O.Rt. No.311, A&amp;C Dept., dated: 25.07. 2005, G.O. Ms.No.25, A&amp;C (Agri.IV) Dept., dated:29.01.2009 and G.O. Ms.No.202, A&amp;C (Agri.IV) Dept., dated:07.08.2009 and G.O.Rt.No.1042, A&amp;C (Agri.IV) Dept., dated: 24.08.2009, modified to the above extent.</p> <p>Note: (1) the Vacancies notified shall be filled with the candidates who possess the above qualifications in the ratio of 4:1:5 respectively out of every 10 vacancies.</p> <p>(2) If the candidates with the said qualifications in the ratio prescribed are not available among the applicants, such vacancies may be filled with the applicants available with other qualifications in the rotation as per merit.</p> <p>(3) Separate Roster Registers shall be followed for the candidates of the above three different qualifications.</p>

	By promotion	<p>(4) Four out of every 10 vacancies of AEO (Grade-II) shall be filled by Direct Recruitment. Remaining Six vacancies shall be filled by Promotion from AEO (Grade-III)/ Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II).</p> <p>(i) Promotions shall be effected between AEO (Grade-III) and Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II) in the Ratio of 30:70, (i.e. 30% to AEO Grade-III and 70% to VAA Grade-II). If there are no AEO Gr.III the vacancies meant for them shall be filled by Village Agriculture Assistants Gr.II.</p> <p>(ii) Must have completed 2 years of service in the cadre of AEO (Grade-III)/ Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II)</p> <p>(iii) Must pass the Agriculture Department Test (Paper Code 144).</p> <p>(iv) Must be a approved probationer</p>
Category 2 A Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II)	By Direct Recruitment	<p>No person shall be eligible for appointment to the post of Village Agriculture Assistant (Grade-II) unless he possesses the following qualifications: 4 years B.Sc.(Ag)/ 4 years B.Tech. in Agricultural Engineering from a recognized University in the State/ any other University accredited by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Farmer Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi. (or) 2 Years Diploma in Agriculture Polytechnic (or) 2 years Diploma in Agriculture Polytechnic (Seed Technology) (or) 2 years Diploma in Agriculture Polytechnic (Organic Farming) (or) 3 years Diploma in Agriculture Polytechnic (Agricultural Engineering) recognized by the ANGRAU.</p>

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